BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER

AGENDA REVIEW	May 28, 2014
BOARD MEETING	June 10, 2014
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	3rd
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request Approval to enter into a new Legal Entity Agreement (LE) with The Regents of the University of California, which is an interdisciplinary, university-based program established in 1995 to promote the successful adoption, growth and development of children with special needs, especially those with prenatal substance exposure who are in foster care.
PROGRAM	CSOC
DEADLINES	June 30, 2014
COST & FUNDING	The FY 2014-15 MCA for The Regents' Agreement is \$ \$1,552,431, funded with FFP, Sales Tax Realignment and State MHSA revenue.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to enter into a LE Agreement with The Regents for the continued provision of mental health services to support the transition of children from foster care to adoption. The Regents is an interdisciplinary, university-based program that works in collaboration with the Public Welfare, and Mental Health systems. The stated mission of The Regents is to promote the successful adoption, growth, and development of children from birth to eighteen with special needs, including prenatal substance exposure, who are in foster care, when returning to their biological parents is not in the children's best interest.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	The Regents is an agency that provides services and resources to families prior to the adoptive placement, during the transition of children from foster care to adoption, and following placement and adoption finalization. The Regents currently administers these services under an Affiliation Agreement which was established in 2001 between DMH and The Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles. The purpose of the Affiliation Agreement was to create a framework for the long-standing reciprocal relationships between the DMH and UCLA. This Affiliation Agreement will expire June 30, 2014, and the new DMH-UCLA Affiliation Agreement has been designed to exclude Adoptive Services provided by The Regents. Establishing this Legal Entity Agreement with The Regents ensures the continued provision of Training, Intervention, and Education, Services (TIES) for the Adoption program.
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